

Say it as it is

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When our fore- fathers came to Aruba, they arrived in sail-boats. They could have left them in the harbor and today they would still be there.

They could have left the harbor for what it was,

But there were people who thought different.

So today we have one of the world's best harbors, that could hold 5 big cruise liners at the same time with more than 13,000 tourists in the capitol.

When our fore- fathers had to travel between San Nicolas and Oranjestad, there was a sand road. They could have left this road for what it was.

But there were people who thought different.

Today we are planning a new highway between San Nicolas and Oranjestad, and again there are those who would rather that the suicide road: San Nicolas/Oranjestad stay for what it is.

When the first high rise hotel

was build, the critique was that it would house the wild goats.

But there were people who thought different.

Today tourism accounts for about 90% of our income.

Who were these people that thought different. They were our ministers, our politicians, but also your grandparents and parents and yes the dreamers, who must have had some foresight, because today we have one of the world's best harbors and tourism that would make many country dribble..

Today we can be proud of our people and we can say this too..

We also have our main street that endures a lot of negative critique, but some day when shopping is lifted to a higher level we will think different about it too. We could leave the main street for what it is.

But there are people who think different.